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SUBJECT: TIP IN TURKEY: EMERGENCY HOTLINE OPERATIONAL  
(90-0800-211-6065)

REF: A. ANK 6690

[B](#). ANK 6688

[C](#). ANK 6687

[1](#). (U) On December 2, 2004, Turk Telekom connected Turkey's first toll-free hotline (90-0800-211-6065) for victims of human trafficking. Human Resources Development Foundation (HRDF) staff will initially field calls from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday until Russian- and Turkish-language professional and volunteer counselor-operators are available to extend the hours of operation. According to Executive Director and Hotline Administrator Demet Gural, HRDF is currently interviewing applicants.

[2](#). (U) HRDF Trafficking officer Tugba Dunder answered Emboff phone call to the hotline, verifying that the line is connected. Operators are physically located at HRDF Istanbul, a permanent location away from the temporary Istanbul shelter facility. The toll-free number is accessible nationwide.

[3](#). (U) Where the opportunity exists, Post encourages TIP officers in source and surrounding countries to share the TIP emergency hotline number (90-0800-211-6065) with local anti-TIP NGOs, consulates, and other organizations capable of distributing the number to potential trafficking victims bound for Turkey.  
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